

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –JULY 8, 2019

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman William D. Buckley, Selectmen William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Michael K. Walsh and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

1. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Minutes of June 17, 2019 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 13, 2019 and June 17, 2019 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
4. **Invitation to Speak** – Carol Hiller of 6 Prairie Street was present to inform the Board of overgrown vegetation on the sidewalks in the Quarry Square Plaza area. The Board requested the Town Administrator contact Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli to request he take ownership of this area for weed control and contact property owners to assist in weed control. Ms. Hiller also informed the board that there are vehicles parked in the area with the tires on the sidewalk. She will send photos to be forwarded to the Police Department for enforcement.
5. A Public Hearing was held at the request of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. regarding Plan #26042825 for West Fountain Street Pole 7-50 to install one new riser pole 7-50 and two pull boxes with conduit for URD cable replacement. Mr. Dana Larson representing National Grid was present. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the above Plan #26042825 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
6. Papa Gino's Inc. filed an application to request a transfer of the Common Victualler license from Papa Gino's, Inc. to New England Authentic Eats, LLC d/b/a Papa Gino's D'Angelo, 42 Cape Road, Milford. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the transfer, UNANIMOUS.
7. Public Hearing was held at the request of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. regarding Plan #26042825 for West Fountain Street Pole 7-50 to install one new riser pole 7-50 and two pull boxes with conduit for URD cable replacement. Mr. Dana Larson representing National Grid was present. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the above Plan #26042825 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
8. Town Engineer, Mike Dean, was present to update the Board on the status of installing an advanced green light at the intersection of Medway Road and Beaver Street. Chairman Buckley indicated this is a safety issue and a priority for the Board. Mike stated that MassDOT has approved

an advanced Green Light for a left hand turn for a 8 to 9 second delay. RD Management, the owner of Quarry Square, has prepared Plans for a left hand turn into the two (2) shopping entrances and to widen the road to create a left hand turn. This would save the Town money. They are seeking to have this done by the winter of 2020. Chairman Buckley requested Mike contact Al Rossi of RD Management and get a schedule and timeline and plan for the completion of this work. The Board decided to place this matter on the next Selectmen Agenda for a further update.

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT July 8, 2019

- a) Fireworks – On behalf of the Board, I want to publicly thank the Milford Lion's Club for sponsoring the entertainment at Plains Park for the Fireworks' Show on July 3. The Lions Club paid for the services of a DJ as entertainment for the evening which was enjoyed by all who attended.
- b) Storm Reimbursement from FEMA- I have been updated by Fire Chief Touhey on the Town's request for reimbursement for costs for cleanup of a snow on March 13 & 14 2018. This was declared a federal disaster for several counties in Massachusetts including Worcester. He and Highway Administrative Assistant Janice Coogan have spent the last 8 months working with FEMA to complete the required Highway Department records. The project has been submitted for final approval. If successful, the Town will be reimbursed 75% of the cost of plowing and snow removal for that 48 hour period which is \$134,382.17.
- c) Tree City Ceremony – I want to thank Town Counsel Charles Boddy, Tree Warden Chuck Reneau and Highway Surveyor for you for attending the Tree City, Tree Campus, and Tree Line USA Forum and Award Ceremony in June.
- d) Grant Application Godfrey Brook – Town Engineer Mike Dean and Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli have filed a Grant Application with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for the design and re-construction of the Godfrey Brook channel between West Street and Water Street. If approved, the Town would receive 75% of the cost. The deadline for applications is July 12, 2019. I want to thank Representative Brian Murray for his letter of support for the Grant.

10. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the gift of \$1,000.00 from Milford Power, LLC, \$50.00 from Yianna and Joshua Zicherman, \$250.00 from the Tradesman, \$100.00 from Gails Hair Care Center, \$200.00 from Afonso Real Estate and \$20.00 from WAITT to the Milford 4th of July Parade Committee. UNANIMOUS.

11. Mr. Villani reviewed his recommendations as the Dog Hearing Officer, on the Kimberly and Samantha Dexter v. John and Melissa Seaver Dog Complaint Hearing reading the following:

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of this Hearing Officer as follows:

- a) Caesar shall be confined to the premises of John and Melissa Seaver, either securely confined indoors or outdoors in a securely enclosed fenced in area. The fenced in area shall be constructed to ensure that the dog Caesar cannot leave the Seaver property. Within the confines of such fenced in area, a dog house or proper shelter from the elements shall be provided to protect the dog.
- b) The Seavers shall have thirty (30) days from the date of this order to construct the said fenced in area and it shall be constructed to the satisfaction of Animal Control Officer Rochelle Thomson.
- c) When Caesar is removed from the Seaver premises, he shall wear, in a securely and humanely manner, a Halti and training collar to be approved by the Animal Control Officer Rochelle Thomson.
- d) Caesar shall not be allowed outside either on or off of the Seaver property without being on a leash.
- e) If John and or Melissa Seaver are found in violation of this order, Caesar shall be subject to seizure and impoundment by the Milford Police Department and/or Animal Control Department and further Mr. and Mrs. Seaver would be ordered to immediately surrender to the Milford Town Clerk the license and tag in their possession and be prohibited from licensing a dog within the Commonwealth for five (5) years.
- f) This finding shall be reported to the Milford Town Clerk in accordance with G.L. ch. 140 sec. 157(h).

Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the recommendation, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the gift of \$1,120.00 from National Grid's United Way Employee Campaign from employees Chris Alves (\$260.00) to the Youth Center, Joseph Arcudi (\$260.00) to the Town of Milford and Joseph Berry (\$600.00) to the Town of Milford. UNANIMOUS.

13. Tax Collector, Terri Dias, provided a recommendation to appoint Jennifer Brown Pires to the position of Deputy Tax Collector. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To appoint Jennifer Brown to the position of Deputy Tax Collector and that she be placed at Grade 4, Step 5 under the

MACE contract, with a starting hourly rate of \$28.59 and that she be allowed to begin working on July 9, 2019. UNANIMOUS.

14. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the gift of \$1,455.00 from the total donations for the Holistic Health Fair and that the funds be deposited into the Regional Substance Navigation Program Gift Fund Account number 2624-4830. UNANIMOUS.

15. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the waiver of building permit fees to E5 Builders, LLC for construction work and to Benjamin Vaillette, DBA for electrical work for the Dance/Movie Room at the Youth Center. UNANIMOUS.

16. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from Prospect Heights Mayors Association, for a One-Day All-Alcoholic Beverages license for July 21, 2019 from 9:00AM to noontime at the Tradesman at 284 West Street. UNANIMOUS.

17. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh to accept, with regret, the resignation of Erika Robertson as Assistant Zoning Officer. UNANIMOUS.

18. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the gift of \$500.00 (\$250.00 to the Fire Department and \$250.00 to the Police Department) from Reverend Keith Nelson of Iglesia Cristiana Juan 3:16. UNANIMOUS.

19. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

20. Chairman Buckley read a letter from Scott Cole from the State Ethics Commission regarding an Ethics Complaint filed against a Town employee. The Commission determined the “matter does not require further action.”

21. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen’s meeting at 7:49PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman William D. Buckley and Selectmen William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Michael K. Walsh all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to meet with Town Counsel for an Opioid Litigation Update and to discuss collective bargaining for the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh